



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dennis Hansen

Group Art Unit No. 1723

Serial No.: 10/064,822

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: August 21, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FLUSHING CONTAMINANTS FROM A
CONTAINER OF FLUIDS

January 30, 2003

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In addition to the U.S. patents listed on the Electronic Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 29, 2003, Applicant is aware of the following foreign reference listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. The Applicant herein believes this document may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty of disclosure.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>INVENTOR</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
Japan	59-201919	Tanabe	11-15-1984

This Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been completed or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) exists, nor shall the submission of any document or the disclosure of any other information in connection herewith be

RECEIVED
FEB 11 2003
TECHNICAL MAIL ROOM

2, 27-03

construed as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or as an admission against interest in any manner.

The above-listed reference is, in the belief and opinion of the undersigned, the closest art of which the Applicant is aware as of this date, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this document be considered and made of record in the above-identified application.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures §609. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Some of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to the attached markings.

These documents are not necessarily analogous art.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited reference by returning a copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08A with initials or other appropriate marks.

Respectfully submitted,

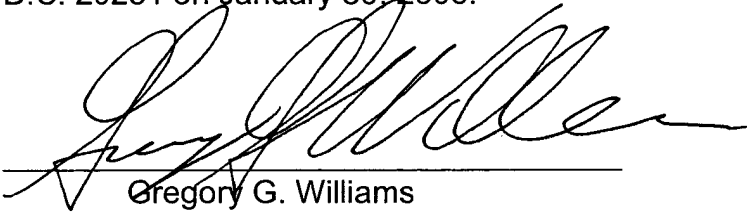
Dennis Hansen

BY:


Gregory G. Williams, Reg. No. 31,681
SIMMONS, PERRINE, ALBRIGHT & ELLWOOD, P.L.C.
Third Floor Tower Place
22 South Linn Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240
Telephone: (319) 887-1368; (319) 321-0247
Facsimile: (319) 887-1372; (319) 366-1917



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on January 30, 2003.



Gregory G. Williams

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitution for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
Application Number				10/064,822	
Filing Date				August 21, 2002	
First Named Inventor				Dennis Hansen	
Art Unit				1723	
Examiner Name				Unknown at present	
Attorney Docket Number				02H1584	
Sheet	1	of	1		

[illegible][illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

1723

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	10/064,822	
	Filing Date	August 21, 2002	
	First Named Inventor	Dennis Hansen	
	Group Art Unit	1723	
	Examiner Name	Unknown at present	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	10	Attorney Docket Number	02H1584

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (Please identify below):
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Remarks</div> <div style="text-align: right;"> RECEIVED FEB 11 2003 1700 MAIL ROOM </div> </div>		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	GREGORY G. WILLIAMS SIMMONS, PERRINE ALBRIGHT & ELLWOOD PLC
Signature	
Date	January 30, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: 1-30-2003			
Typed or printed name	GREGORY G. WILLIAMS		
Signature		Date	January 30, 2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.